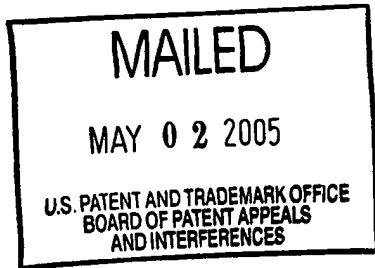


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SHIGEO OZAWA

Application 09/519,999

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 7, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the file reveals that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed August 16, 2004. It is not apparent from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified appellant of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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A communication notifying appellant of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner:

1. for consideration of the IDS filed August 16, 2004;
2. for appropriate notification to appellant regarding the Primary Examiner's decision; and
3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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